

Docket No.: 4614-0160PUS1
(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Marc DONATH

Application No.: 10/517,450

Confirmation No.: 5584

Filed: September 1, 2005

Art Unit: 1647

For: USE OF AN INTERLEUKIN 1 RECEPTOR
ANTAGONIST AND/OR
PYRROLIDINEDITHIOCARBAMATE FOR
THE TREATMENT OR PROPHYLAXIS OF
TYPE 2 DIABETES

Examiner: I. D. Dang

REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant hereby requests the scheduling of an interview in connection with the above-identified application.

Applicant filed a response on August 20, 2007 responsive to the first Office Action on the merits. That response cancelled all of original claims 1-14, and added new claims 15-21. Applicant desires to discuss with the Examiner whether these new claims overcome all of the rejections of the original claims, or whether any evidence is necessary to rebut the rejections under 35 USC § 112.

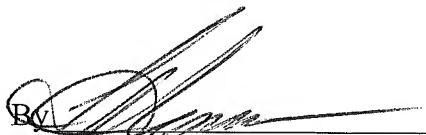
Four days after filing the response, the undersigned contacted the Examiner to arrange an interview. The Examiner indicated that he would need to discuss the scheduling of an interview with a supervisor and would call back the following week with a proposed day and time for an interview. Having heard nothing, the undersigned called the Examiner on September 10, 2007,

leaving a phone message about the need to schedule an interview. The Examiner called back on September 11 and advised the undersigned that his supervisor would not schedule an interview because (1) the end of the fiscal year was approaching and (2) Applicant had already filed a written response to the first Office Action. The undersigned expressed an understanding of the need to be flexible with the date for an interview in view of the end of the fiscal year. But the Examiner indicated that an interview still could not be scheduled because Applicant had already filed a response to the first Office Action. After some further discussion, the undersigned explained that the supervisor would be contacted to discuss scheduling of an interview.

Enclosed, therefore, is an "Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form" proposing several dates for an interview on this case, some dates at the end of September and some at the beginning of October, after the beginning of the fiscal year. Applicant requests the scheduling of an interview at the earliest possible date in order to most efficiently expedite action on this case.

Dated: September 12, 2007

Respectfully submitted,



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